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## ***Stamas Urges Placement of Homeland Security Camp in Alpena and Grayling***

**Resolution urges feds to consider Northern Michigan when choosing location**

State Senator Tony Stamas, R-Midland, this week introduced Senate Concurrent Resolution 30, which urges the Federal Government to locate the United States Department of Homeland Security Midwest regional training facility in Alpena and Grayling.

The Michigan National Guard currently has a combat-readiness training facility in Alpena and a training camp at Camp Grayling. A combination of both facilities would provide two military airfields, an emergency medical hospital, housing and an estimated 150,000 acres of space that could be used for training. Last week, U.S. Assistance Secretary for Defense Paul McHale said that Michigan is one of many states currently under consideration for the Midwest homeland security training facility. Stamas feels that Northern Michigan should be at the top of the list.

“Northern Michigan is an ideal spot for placement of this training facility. The Alpena County Airport is nearby, Camp Grayling is ready to be utilized, and the housing and medical facilities that would be needed are already established” said Stamas. “It would be good for our Country and great for our local communities. We should do everything we can to make the federal government aware of what we have to offer.”

Senate Concurrent Resolution 30 has been referred to the Senate Committee on Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs for consideration.